

Grandparent Activity Cards

Instructions:

- 1) Ask: Who is the oldest person you know?
- 2) Show Picture 1-7: *A Loving Family* and ask:
 - Which people are the grandmother and grandfather in this picture?
 - How many of you know your grandparents?
 - Do your grandparents live close to you or far away?
 - What do you like to do with your grandparents?
- 3) Play the song [Grandmother, p. 200](#). (You could also use the song *When Grandpa Comes, p. 201*.)
- 4) Have children sing and do the actions as you place cards on a table or the floor.
- 5) Choose a card.
- 6) Model how to tell a related personal story.
- 7) Let each child take a turn.

Examples:

- My grandma gives us a hug every time we go to her house.
- My grandpa and I used to go fishing in the summer.
- My grandparents love to read me bedtime stories.
- I help my grandma make cookies at Christmas time.
- My grandma writes us letters on our birthdays.

Alternative Activity Ideas:

- **Bean Bags** - Have children throw bean bags at the cards and then tell a story about that card.
- **Cake Walk** – Print each card as a full page image. Tape images in a circle on the floor. Play music and let children walk around the circle.

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When the music stops, the child standing on the image closest to you tells a personal story about the picture.

- **Objects** – Use objects instead of images. Let each child pick an object. Have children take turns telling a personal story about their object “show and tell” style.

List of Possible Objects: book, greeting card, hammer, mini-fishing pole, picture of a wheelchair, plastic food, present, wooden spoon, etc.

My favorite activity to do with my grandparents is . . .

